

**West Coast NEP Meeting**  
EPA Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, SF, CA 94105  
10/25/17 (6:00 PM – 9:00 PM) Social Event/Dinner/Location TBD  
**Thursday, Oct. 26, 2017 EPA Region 9 – Red Rock Room – 3400**  
**(Arrive 8AM/Start 8:30 – End 4 PM w/working lunch)**

**Purpose:** Advance NEP effectiveness by:

- Elevating support for and among the West Coast NEPs, and EPA R9 & 10.
- Sharing information and innovations.
- Identifying needs and opportunities.

**How:** Dialogue focused sessions with framing of issues and discussion questions to foster exchange of ideas, best practices and potential next steps.

**Agenda (October 26, 2017)**

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| 1. Arrive EPA R9 (airport-like security – ID required)   | 8:00 – 8:30  |
| 2. Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review   | 8:30 – 9:00  |
| ➤ including Surabhi Shah via VTC & Tomás Torres, R9 Water Division Director  |              |
| 3. CCMPs (Caitlin Sweeney/Deb Marriott/Luisa Valiela)  | 9:00 – 10:00 |
| ➤ Discuss challenges and success stories of implementing CCMPs, updating CCMPs, and highlight the best outreach tools being used for tracking and communicating results. |              |

**Break**

**10:00 – 10:15**

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| 4. Monitoring and Science (Tom Ford/Angela Adams)  | 10:15 – 11:15 |
| ➤ How have NEPs integrated science and monitoring information from many sources (fed, state, local, tribes, academia) and made it credible, relevant, and legitimate for guiding and evaluating progress? What approaches for having this information utilized in decision-making have proven most successful? |               |
| 5. Climate Change/Sea Level Rise (Lexie Bell/Suzanne Marr)   | 11:15 – 12:15 |
| ➤ Discuss the status of NEP climate assessment and adaptation planning processes and explore common issues, barriers, useful tools and leverage points in other planning processes.  |               |

**Lunch Break (working lunch – order ahead of time)**

**12:15 – 12:30**

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| 6. Public Engagement for Action (Sheida Sahandy/Peter Murchie) | 12:30 – 1:30 |
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| <b>Break</b>   | <b>1:30 – 1:45</b> |
| 7. Grant Agreements & EPA Guidance (Lisa Phipps/Michael Rylko)   | 1:45 – 2:45        |
| ➤ Ensure common understanding of use and roles of EPA NEP Guidance.  |                    |
| 8. West Coast Ocean Governance (Tom Ford/Sam Ziegler)  | 2:45 – 3:30        |
| ➤ <i>Discuss the West Coast Regional Planning Body &amp; West Coast Ocean Partnership, and consider related NEP Opportunities. John Hansen, West Coast RPB Coordinator will participate in this session.</i> |                    |
| 9. Wrap-up/Next Steps/Meeting Feedback   | 3:30 – 4:00        |

#### Attendees

##### **National Estuary Programs**

Sheida Sahandy, Director Puget Sound Partnership  
 Lisa Phipps, Director Tillamook Estuary Partnership  
 Deb Marriott, Director Lower Columbia Estuary Program  
 Lexie Bell, Director Morro Bay National Estuary Program  
 Tom Ford, Director Santa Monica Estuary Program  
 Caitlin Sweeney, Director San Francisco Estuary Partnership

##### **EPA R9**

Sam Ziegler, Chief, Watersheds Section  
 Gail Louis, Soon-To-Be Chief, Watersheds Section (tentative)  
 Luisa Valiela, San Francisco Estuary NEP Coordinator  
 Suzanne Marr, Morro Bay and R9 NEP Coordinator  
 Erica Yelensky, Santa Monica Bay NEP Coordinator

##### **EPA R10**

Peter Murchie, Puget Sound and NEP Program Manager  
 Michael Rylko, R10 NEP Coordinator / Puget Sound NEP Coordinator  
 Yvonne Vallette, LCEP Coordinator  
 Joel Salter, TEP Coordinator  
 Angela Adams, Puget Sound Team Lead / Science Lead